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SUBJ: ISRAELI DEMARCHE TO JAPANESE ON PALESTINE QUESTION

1. MOFA UN POLITICAL DIVDIR KOBAYASHI TOLD EMBOFF THAT ISRAELI AMBASSADOR RAMATI CALLED MORNING OF JANUARY 7 ON UN DIRGEN OKAWA IN QUEST OF JAPANESE SUPPORT IN SECURITY COUNCIL PALESTINE DEBATE. RAMATI ASKED, ON INSTRUCTIONS, THAT JAPAN: (1) OPPOSE PLO PARTICIPATION IN DEBATE: (2) OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO AMEND, "EVEN BY IMPLICATION," RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338: (3) SUPPORT MOVE FOR EARLY RESUMPTION OF GENEVA TALKS ON PALESTINE.

2. ACCORDING KOBAYASHI, OKAWA RESPONDED NEGATIVELY ON FIRST REQUEST, ASSURED RAMATI OF SUPPORT ON THIRD, AND PRESERVED ROOM FOR MANEUVER ON SECOND. JAPAN, OKAWA SAID, WAS OUR-SQUARE IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST, AND CONSIDERED RES. 242 AND 338 THE ONLY SOLID FOUNDATION FOR MID-EAST PEACE EFFORTS. HOWEVER, JAPAN ALSO SUPPORTS THE "LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTIIAN PEOPLE." JAPAN WOULD HAVE TO EXAMINE ANY NEW RESOLUTION ON ITS MERITS: SHOULD IT SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTE TO ADVANCEMENT OF LEGITIMATE
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PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, JAPAN MIGHT WELL SUPPORT IT EVEN

THOUGH A SIDE EFFECT WERE REINTERPRETATION THAT DID NOT AFFECT SUBSTANCE OF EXISTING RESOLUTIONS.

3. OKAWA WENT ON TO CHIDE RAMATI, SAID KOBAYASHI, FOR TACTICS WHICH COMPLICATE EFFORTS OF ISRAEL'S FIRENDS TO LEND SUPPORT. RECENT BOBMING RAIDS ON LEBANON ARE ONE EXAMPLE. CONSISTENTLY NEGATIVE FORMULA WITH REGARD TO PLO (E.G., "ISRAEL WILL NEITHER RECOGNIZE NOR DEAL WITH PLO UNTIL IT RECOGNIZES ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST") IS ANOTHER. ON QUESTION OF STANCE RE PLO, RAMATI CALLED OKAWA'S ATTENTION TO RECENT INTERVIEW GIVEN NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR BY RABIN, WHICH HE SAID EMPLOYED MORE POSITIVE FORMULA.

4. RAMATI ALSO URGED GOJ DENY PLO PERMISSION TO OPEN INFORMATION OFFICE IN TOKYO AND WAS TOLD MATTER ALREADY DECIDED. KOBAYASHI TOLD EMBOFF THAT WHETHER OR NOT PLO OFFICE OPENS IS UP TO PLO: THEY HAVE ACCEPTED JAPANESE CONDITIONS FOR PRIVATE OFFICE AND ONLY OBSTACLE REMAINING SINCE NOVEMBER HAS BEEN PLO INSISTENCE THAT GOJ ISSUE STATEMENT OF WELCOME. GOJ INTENDS TO HOLD TO DECISION NEITHER TO GRANT DIPLOMATIC PREREQUISITES NOR TAKE OFFICIAL COGNIZANCE OF PLO OFFICE.
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